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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CG, US

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM ZAIRIAN OPPOSITION PARTY

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 16 FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE AMICALE OF THE PARTI POPULAIRE AFRICAINE (PPA), TO WHICH ARE ATTACHED A NOTE VERBALE OSTENSIBLY SIGNED BY THE ASSISTANT SECGEN OF PPA AT KINSHASA ON MARCH 12, AND A COPY OF A STATEMENT THE PPA SENT ON THE LATTER DATE TO THE PRESS.

2. THE NOTE VERBALE CRITICIZES THE MOBUTU REGIME AND STATES THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION SHOULD IGNORE HIS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID BECOMING INVOLVED IN A SITUATION LIKE VIETNAM AND CHILE. IT ALSO REASSURES THE US ON BEHALF OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PPA THAT WHEN A NEW REGIME TAKES OVER IN KINSHASA, IT WILL "RESPECT ALL ITS ENGAGEMENTS IN MATTERS OF COOPERATION AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD; IT WILL RESPECT LIBERTY OF EXPRESSION AND ASSURE THE SECURITY OF CITIZENS AND FOREIGNERS LIVING

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THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO-KINSHASA".

3. THE STATEMENT MAKES SIMILAR CHARGES AGAINST MOBUTU, DEMANDS THAT AID TO HIM BE STOPPED, AND SAYS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE OCCUPIED DILOLO, KAPANGA, KABALO, KISENGE, ETC., ARE "NOT TROUBLEMAKERS, MUCH LESS

ADVENTURERS IN THE PAY OF ANY FOREIGN POWER...BUT  
RATHER 'LIBERATORS'".

4. THE LETTER IS ON STATIONARY WITH AN AMICALE PPA  
LETTERHEAD HAVING A B.P. 1886 C/O KIKUNGA, BRUSSELS,  
ADDRESS, AND WITH A TYPED PARIS DATELINE ADDED.  
KIKUNGA IS LISTED AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE PPA  
AND LAURENT KABILA AND ANTOINE GIZENGA ARE SHOWN  
AS HONORARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY UNABLE TO EVALUATE THE IMPORTANCE  
OF THIS GROUP BUT ASSUMES THAT DEPT INTERESTED IN  
ZAIRIAN OPPOSITION ACTIVITIES.  
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